

FORM NPS-8  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

CENSUS USE ONLY

a. Report year

b. Card \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ Cards

REPORT OF INMATE UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH  
NATIONAL PRISONER STATISTICS

RETURN TO

U.S. Census Bureau  
ATTN: Demographic Surveys Division  
Washington, DC 20233

Important - Please read instructions on reverse before completing this form.

1. State \_\_\_\_\_ Inmate's Dept. of Corrections ID. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Inmate name  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sex - Mark (X) appropriate box.  
1  Male 2  Female

4a. Race - Mark (X) appropriate box.  
1  White 5  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
2  Black 6  Additional categories in your information system - Specify   
3  American Indian or Alaska Native  
4  Asian

4b. Hispanic origin - Mark (X) appropriate box.  
1  Hispanic 2  Non-Hispanic 3  Not known

5. Date of birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

6. Capital offense(s) for which imprisoned  
Number of death sentences imposed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Murder  Kidnap  
 Rape  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Marital status at time of first imprisonment for capital offense  
1  Married - Include common law marriage  
2  Divorced or separated  
3  Widowed  
4  Never married  
5  Not known

8. Highest year of education completed at time of first imprisonment for capital offense  
01  7th grade or less 07  1st year of college  
02  8th grade 08  2nd year of college  
03  9th grade 09  3rd year of college  
04  10th grade 10  4th year of college  
05  11th grade 11  More than 4 years of college  
06  12th grade - (Include GED) 12  Not Known

9. Legal status at time of capital offense  
Mark (X) appropriate box.  
NOT UNDER SENTENCE  
1  No charges pending  
2  Charges pending  
UNDER SENTENCE  
3  On probation  
4  On parole  
5  On escape  
6  Imprisoned  
7  Other - Specify legal status \_\_\_\_\_  
8  UNKNOWN

10a. Prior felony conviction(s) - Mark (X) appropriate box.  
1  Yes  
2  No  
3  Unknown } Skip to item 11

10b. Were any of these convictions for criminal homicide?  
 Yes, prior conviction for   
01  Murder 04  Attempted murder  
02  Involuntary manslaughter 05  Other - Specify   
08  Manslaughter  
09  Voluntary manslaughter 06  No  
03  Vehicular manslaughter 07  Unknown

11. Date of arrest for capital offense Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

12. Date of conviction for capital offense Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

13. Date of sentence for capital offense Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

14a. Inmate status on December 31, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark (X) appropriate box.  
1  Under sentence of death - Continue with item b  
2  Sentence of death removed - Skip to items c and d

14b. Was this inmate on escape or at a mental hospital on December 31?  
1  Yes, on escape - Enter month and year of escape Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
2  Yes, at a mental hospital - Enter month and year of transfer to mental hospital Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
3  No

NO FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS INMATE

14c. Reason for inmate's removal from under sentence of death - Mark (X) appropriate box.  
Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
1  Executed - Enter date and skip to item 15 . . . . .  
2  Deceased by other causes - Enter date and skip to item 16 . . . . .  
3  Capital sentence declared unconstitutional by State or U.S. Supreme Court . . . . .  
4  Sentence commuted . . . . .  
5  Conviction affirmed, sentence overturned by appellate or higher court . . . . .  
6  Conviction and sentence overturned by appellate or higher court . . . . .  
7  Other - Specify   
8  Information not available at this office

14d. Current status of inmate removed from sentence of death - Mark (X) the one box showing the inmate's status as of the day you fill out this report, i.e., TODAY.  
1  Under new sentence of \_\_\_\_\_  
2  Awaiting retrial to determine guilt  
3  Awaiting resentencing only (guilt affirmed)  
4  Found not guilty in retrial  
5  All charges on capital offense dropped  
6  Other - Specify   
7  No action has been taken since removal from sentence of death  
8  Information not available at this office

15. Method of execution - Mark (X) one box showing how the inmate was executed.  
01  Lethal injection  
02  Electrocutation  
03  Lethal gas  
04  Hanging  
05  Firing squad  
06  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

16. Cause of death other than execution  
Mark (X) the appropriate box.  
01  Natural causes  
02  Suicide  
03  Murdered by another inmate  
04  Other - Specify \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete one card for each person who (1) entered your State's correctional system under sentence of death at any time during the report year, or (2) had received a sentence of death in a previous year but was not previously reported. Attempt to answer all items.

Item b. Card of Cards – Complete this item to insure proper accounting of all persons under sentence of death in your correctional system who have not been previously reported.

Item 4a. Race

(1) White – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

(2) Black – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

(3) American Indian or Alaska Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

(4) Asian – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, including Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

(5) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

(6) Additional categories – Any race in your system not covered by the above categories. Please specify the race in the space provided.

Item 4b. Hispanic Origin – Hispanics are defined as those having an ethnic origin or background in Central America, South America, Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, or Spain.

Item 5. Date of Birth – enter two digits for month (January=01, February=02, etc.) and four digits for year.

Item 6. Capital offense for which imprisoned – Mark all and only those offenses for which capital punishment was levied during the report year or a previous year but not reported. Enter the number of death sentences the inmate received in the space provided.

Item 7. Marital status at time of first imprisonment for capital offense – "Time of first imprisonment" refers to the inmate's original time of arrival at prison after his first sentencing to death. Separated does not include separation because of imprisonment.

Item 8. Highest year of education completed at time of first imprisonment for capital offense – Time frame as in Item 7 above. Include Graduate Equivalent Degree (GED) as "12th grade."

Item 9. Legal status at time of capital offense – If the person was known to be free in all states with no criminal charges pending at the time of the offense(s) in item 6, mark "Not under sentence – no charges pending."

Item 10a. Prior felony conviction(s) – If the person was known to have been convicted of any felony(ies) before being convicted of the offense(s) in item 6, mark "Yes" in item 10a and fill item 10b.

Item 10b. Prior conviction for criminal homicide – If the prior felony conviction(s) referred to in item 10a was for criminal homicide, mark item 10b "Yes". Also mark one or more of the types of criminal homicide listed. If the person was convicted of a type not listed, mark "other" and specify the type.

Item 12. Date of conviction for capital offense – Generally a person will receive only one conviction for a single capital offense or multiple capital offenses. For such a person, enter the month and year he or she was found guilty of the capital offense(s) entered in item 6. If a person was convicted of more than one capital offense and received more than one death sentence, not all on the same date, enter the earliest date (month and year) the person was found guilty. If a person was previously convicted for the offense(s) shown in item 6, and that conviction was subsequently overturned but the person was retried and found guilty, enter the most recent month and year of conviction. Do not for any of the above situations, enter the date an appeal was rejected or the person was admitted to prison.

Item 13. Date of sentence for capital offense – Enter the month and year the person was sentenced to death. This date must be the same as or later than the conviction date entered in item 12.

Item 14a. Inmate status on December 31, \_\_\_\_\_ – Indicate whether or not the inmate was under sentence of death at the end of the report year.

Item 14b. If inmate was under sentence of death on December 31, indicate if the inmate was on escape or at a mental hospital. Enter the month and year of escape or transfer to mental hospital.

Item 14c. Reason for removal from sentence of death – Complete this item only if the sentence of death was removed during the report year, or earlier if removal not previously reported. Mark the box which most accurately describes how the inmate was removed from sentence of death.

14d. Current status of Inmate removed from sentence of death – Mark the one box which most accurately shows the inmate's legal status as of THE DATE THIS REPORT IS COMPLETED. If "Under new sentence", enter length of new sentence.